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IN VACATION.

A Good Collector.—The great detective stood before the rich merchant, waiting for his instructions.

"It's this way," began the merchant. "I've been robbed of hundreds of pounds. A rascal has gone about the country pretending to be a collector of ours. He has simply coined money. Why, in a week he collected more than all our travelers put together. He must be found as quickly as possible. Spare no expense."

"Right," said the detective. "Within a week he will be in prison."

"Prison! What do you mean?" cried the merchant. "I don't want him arrested: I want to engage him."—Ex.

Preachers Marry—Judges Unmarry.—Lawyer: Are you married?

Lady Witness: No; I'm unmarried.

Lawyer: What judge unmarried you?—Ex.

Declaration of Independence.—"Can any pupil tell where the Declaration of Independence was signed?" asked the teacher of the history class.

"Yes'm, I can," called little Johnnie Baker. "It was signed at the bottom."—Ex.

Judicial Correction.—Unfortunately we've mislaid the judge's name, but his court room is in New Bedford, Mass. Before him appeared a defendant who, hoping for leniency, pleaded, "Judge, I'm down and out."

Whereupon said the wise judge:

"You're down, but you're not out. Six months."

The Reason.—Bridget was before the magistrate upon the charge of beating her husband, who stood near the desk with his head bound up in a mass of bandages and surrounded by an odorous cloud of iodine, indicating that he had undergone extensive treatment at the hospital. The magistrate called the wife to the bar of justice.

"Now, madam," he said, "can you explain to me why you struck your husband over the head with the poker?"

Bridget laid her hand on the bar and leaning far over so she could impress her answer upon the attentive officer of the law, replied:

"Shure, I hit him with the poker, your honor, because at that moment I couldn't lay my hand on the broomstick that I most generally uses."—Ex.

Presumption of Judicial Knowledge.—An Oklahoma attorney opened an argument fortified behind a table filled with legal lore.

His first words were a quotation from the Bible. The court interrupted with a question as to whether the citation to the authority quoted had been stated: "No, your honor," replied the attorney, "I assumed that the court was familiar with the Scriptures. You will note that I indulged no such presumption with regard to the law."—Law Notes.

A Long Journey.—After two months at Rockford, Private Nelson got his leave at last and made what he conceived to be the best use of his holiday by getting married.

On the journey back at the station he gave the gateman his marriage certificate in mistake for his return railway ticket.

The official studied it carefully, and then said:

"Yes, my boy, you've got a ticket for a long, wearisome journey, but not on this road."—Ex.

Legal Dark Lantern.—"Now, gentlemen," said the dean of the law college, "let each of you make a resolve not to descend to pettifoggery, or to put himself upon a level with the criminal classes."

Here he looked around the classroom.

"In other words, be a legal light, not a legal dark lantern."—Ex.

BOOK REVIEWS.

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The Lawyers' Reports Annotated. 1918D. · Burdett A. Rich, Henry P. Farnham, and George H. Parmele, Editors, Assisted by the Publishers' Editorial Staff. The Lawyers' Co-Operative Publishing Company, Rochester, New York. 1918.

The present volume is in no way inferior to those which have preceded it in this splendid series. Amongst the notes which have interested us particularly is a note on page 5 which amounts practically to a treatise, on the "Mis-statement of Facts, or Statement of Facts Not in Evidence by Counsel in Argument to Jury as Ground for Reversal." Also note on page 132 as to the Validity and Construction of Acts Regulating Speed of Automobiles." One on page 642 as to the "Value and Weight of Expert Testimony as to Handwriting and Typewriting." One on page 747 as to the "Necessity of Knowledge by Testator of Contents of His Will and Proof Thereof," and on page 978, "Homicide—Right to Defend Oneself against an Officer Who Does Not Disclose His Identity or Character." These are simply a few of the valuable notes.

Four Virginia cases are annotated in this volume—*Awtrey v. Norfolk & Western Railway Company*; *Berlin v. Wall*; *Camp & Meehl v. Christo Manufacturing Company*; and *Derrick v. Commonwealth*.